in cabin ambience etc. have been taken to improve its overall functioning. Such measures are an on-going process to remain competitive and to cater to the needs of the growing air traffic.

Closure of transit rooms

1512. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India used to maintain transit rooms for ordinary passengers at Delhi and Mumbai airports since a long time;

(b) whether this facility has now been withdrawn to the ordinary public;

(c) how many transit rooms were there at both the airports respectively;

(d) why did the AAI remove these transit rooms now; and

(e) what alternative use has been given to these rooms which used to help middle class passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION J (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The facility at Mumbai Airport has been temporarily withdrawn due to development/construction activities at site.

(c) At Delhi Airport there are 9 rooms and at Mumbai Airport there were 14 rooms.

(d) and (e) This facility has been withdrawn on temporary basis as a part of modernization and the present security threat prevailing in the country.

Air India's share in cargo business

1513. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India have been trying to increase its share in cargo business by converting its passenger aircraft into freighters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;